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SUBJECT: WAHID ABDULLAH ON AFGHAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS

- 1. DURING DINNER CONVERSATION OCTOBER 22 AT AFGHAN EMBASSY, DEPFONMIN WAHID ABDULLAH DISCLOSED THAT COURTMARTIAL OF ABDUL WALI HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND THAT TRIAL OF FORMER PM MUSA SHAFIQ HAD BEGUN. HE CONFIRMED REPORTS THAT FORMER CHIEF OF STAFF GHULAM FARUQ WAS ACTING AS CHIEF PROSECUTOR.
- 2. ABDULLAH WOULD NOT SAY WHAT FATE OF EITHER MAN WOULD BE, BUT SAID AN ACCOUNT OF THEIR "CRIMES" WOULD BE PUBLISHED TO SHOW THE AFGHAN PEOPLE WHAT TRAITORS THEY REALLY WERE. HE CITED SHAFIQ'S DIVISIVE USE OF THE RELIGIOUS RIGHT WING AGAINST THE LEFT AND HIS PERSONAL CORRUPTION WHILE IN OFFICE. AMB. MALIKYAR CITED HIS ACTION AGAINST THE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN CONNECTION WITH HIS CATERING TO THE MULLAHS. ABDULLAH ALSO REFERRED BRIEFLY TO MAIWANDWAL AND THE COUNTER-COUP PLOT AND LIGHTLY DISMISSED HIS DECISION NOT TO FACE HIS CAPTORS.
- 3. ABDULLAH'S PERSONAL DEMEANOR CHANGED FROM VERY CONFIDENTIAL

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BUSINESSLIKE AT BEGINNING OF VISIT TO MORE RELAXED MOOD

BY TIME OF HIS LAST CALL ON DEP ASST SECY LAINGEN. HE TENDED TO TREAT PROTOCOL AIDE KARIM AS HIS PERSONAL FLUNKEY. HE SHOWED GREAT DEFERENCE TO AMB. MALIKYAR,

REFERRING TO HIM AS "UNCLE", AND INDICATED THAT "IF HE HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT", MALIKYAR WOULD STAY ON IN WASHINGTON. KISSINGER

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